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Monday, August 22, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back as we begin a new academic year. I look forward to the coming year. The Dean's Spotlight will continue to be distributed on a bi-weekly basis to promote upcoming events as well as highlight publications, presentations as well as other notable items of our faculty and staff.

Our year begins with two major events, the 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Symposium as well as the 25th Anniversary Celebration of our Academic Resource Center (ARC). I look forward to both of these events which will kick off a very busy year for us!

Best regards,
Mark

Publications

Richard Delgado's article, *Centennial Reflections on California Law Review's Scholarship on Race: The Structure of Civil Rights Thought*, was accepted by California Law Review. The article reviews 100 years of scholarship published in that review on the topic of race and civil rights and identifies a number of trends and overlapping paradigms. Richard had a second article accepted by UCLA Law Review Discourse on the impact of money and wealth on American politics. He posits a psychological explanation for why certain extremely wealthy and powerful tycoons back ultraconservative causes and oppose social spending, even on education, though it benefits the economy as a whole. Richard also published a book chapter in a Routledge Press book on race, class, and gender and had three others accepted by different presses on a range of topics.

Tayyab Mahmud's article, "*Law of Geography and the Geography of Law: A Post-Colonial Mapping*," was published by Washington University Jurisprudence Review.

Upcoming Events

All School BBQ and Picnic

Tuesday, August 23, 4:00-7:00 pm
Sullivan Hall Courtyard

Faculty Retreat

(Career Faculty only)
Friday-Saturday, August 26-27
LeRoux Room, STCN 160

Labor Day

Monday, September 5

3rd Annual Domestic Violence Symposium

Thursday, September 8 & Friday, September 9
Campion Ballroom

ARC 25th Anniversary

Friday-Saturday, September 9-10
Sullivan Hall

Laurel Oates and Anne Enquist published the third edition of *Just Research* both as a traditional book and as an e-book. In addition to providing students with an overview of sources and strategies for legal research, *Just Research* walks students through the process of researching 10 different types of issues using Westlaw, WestlawNext™, LexisNexis®, Lexis® Advance, and free sources. The book is published by Aspen and is part of a four-part series on legal research and writing.

Kara Phillips co-authored a book with Amy Sommers, entitled *Real Property Law in China: A Guide to Foreign Investment*, published by the American Bar Association, 2011.

Jean Stefancic's chapter on discerning critical moments, co-authored with Richard Delgado, was accepted by Handbook of Critical Race Theory in Education (Marvin Lynn & Adrienne Dixon eds., Routledge Press forthcoming 2012). She also completed final editing of Critical Race Theory: An Introduction 2d ed. (NYU Press forthcoming 2011).

Presentations

Bob Boruchowitz spoke on “Caseload Standards and Ethics Opinions-Strategies for Coping and Obtaining Funding”, at an ABA-NACDL National Defender Training conference at Indiana University School of Law. Bob also co-led small group sessions at the conference for defenders and assigned counsel on handling cases with forensic science issues. He is one of three national co-chairs for this training program which will have four sessions in different parts of the country. Bob was also interviewed on a KUOW story about the impact of 300,000 suspended drivers in Washington, many of whom are charged with misdemeanor offenses for driving with a suspended license.

Deirdre Bowen presented her work in progress, *DOMA's Irrelevancy: A Study of How Heterosexual Marriage Is Not Strengthened by Banning Gay Marriage*, at the Emerging Family Law Scholar's Conference in San Francisco. She was also the commentator for Professor Clare Huntington's work in progress, *Flourishing Families: Harnessing Law to Foster Positive Relationships*.

Kelly Kunsch spoke at a CLE called “Do Legal Research Like A Pro” for the Asian Bar Association of Washington.

Douglas Nash gave a presentation on Indian Estate Planning and the American Indian Probate Reform Act to the Northwest Regional Council of Elder Advocates at the Upper Skagit Tribe's Cultural Center. Doug was also invited to participate in

the national Indian radio show "Native America Calling" to talk about the need for estate planning among Indian people.

Dean Mark Niles presented the Keynote Address at the 10th Academy for IDEA Administrative Law Judges and Impartial Hearing Officers. The 4-day program, organized and managed by **Jim Rosenfeld**, Director of Education Law Programs, was largely devoted to developing recommendations for improving the special education due process hearing system through amendment of the IDEA when that statute is reauthorized. Attendees included 60 ALJs and IHOs from 15 different states.

Chris Rideout presented a paper at the Applied Legal Storytelling conference held at the University of Denver. The paper was titled "The Sense of an Ending: Narrative and Normative Closure in Legal Storytelling." Chris also served as a facilitator for the Writers' Workshop, a scholarly writing workshop sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute."

Julie Shapiro will be moderating a panel on surrogacy at the Family Law institute of the national meeting of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, to be held in Los Angeles in September.

Other News

Joaquin Avila will receive the Ohtli Award from the Government of Mexico in recognition for his work in the United States and its impact in Mexico. The Ohtli Award is given to individuals who promote the rights of Mexicans living in foreign countries. Joaquin's work affects the descendants of Mexicans who have migrated to the United States and are engaged in a struggle to secure access to the political process. The award will be presented during the annual Hispanic National Bar Association Convention .

Monica Batra Kashyap has been selected to join the **Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee**, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a just society by mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice. To achieve this, EJW offers a continuum of opportunities for law students and lawyers that provide the training and skills that enable them to provide effective representation to underserved communities and causes, including the **EJW Fellowships** programs which funds hundreds of public interest attorneys each year to close the justice gap on issues such as foreclosure, community economic development, immigration, civil rights, homelessness, access to healthcare, and domestic violence.

Center for Global Justice hosted a delegation led by the Chief Ombudsman of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, Ms.

Fozia Amin. Ms. Amin's office is entrusted with the task of administering a newly adopted freedom of information law and is also drafting new rules of administrative procedure. While in Seattle, the delegation met with Attorney General Robert McKenna, Open Government Ombudsman Tim Ford, and members of the bench and the bar. The delegation also consulted with several faculty members of the law school.

Tayyab Mahmud has been appointed to the International Activities Committee of the Law & Society Association.

Douglas Nash, Director of the Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate, has been appointed to the Joint Executive-Legislative Workgroup on Tribal Retrocession by Governor Christine Gregoire; Speaker of the House Frank Chopp; and Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown. This workgroup will develop recommendations regarding the return of jurisdiction assumed by the State over tribes pursuant to a federal statute in the 1950's.

Laurel Oates attended the Association of Legal Writing Directors' meeting, which was held at Pacific McGeorge School of Law in June. In July, Laurel participated in the Legal Writing Institute Board of Directors' Retreat, which was held at Denver College of Law.

Jean Stefancic and Richard Delgado created a new class. *Latinos & the Law*, to be offered this fall, will be one of the nation's first on the legal history and problems affecting this large and growing group. The course features lectures, notes, TWEN entries, and class exercises on immigration, legal definitions and identity, education, employment discrimination, English Only, rebellious lawyering, and other topics. Jean also sponsored a critical race theory reading group, along with her husband Richard Delgado and student Jason McLeod. The group read a variety of texts on race, civil rights, and immigrant families.

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John Strait was elected President of the University Academic Assembly for 2011-2012. He was also elected to the Board of

WSBA Criminal Law Section, and was reappointed Adjunct Investigative Counsel by WSBA. In addition, John was appointed to the Review Committee for proposals by outside counsel to the City of Seattle and Seattle Police Dept on police misconduct litigation.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to Randy Maedgen.

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